

MINUTES
Town of Andover Economic Development Commission (EDC)
February 19th, 2019
Andover Town Hall

Call to Order:

Elaine Buchardt called the meeting to order at 2:40PM

Present: Elaine Buchardt, Patrick Dougherty, Cathy Palazzi

Public Speak: none

Tolland County Chamber of Commerce:

Elaine has been attending meetings as a member of the TCCC EDC committee. She listens to the EDC activities of surrounding towns. She is able to ask the town planners in several towns for suggestions to do things in Andover since we have no planner. Elaine will continue to attend these meetings. She has gotten some suggestions for sign companies for our signs on Town of Andover signs on Route 6.

Projects:

Business directory: Cathy has researched the old business directory listings to see what changes need to be made. She has added some businesses that were not on it and marked for deletion businesses that no longer seem to be operational. She is adding addresses to the directory. Cathy got the current list from the assessor's office of business tax entities. She will compare those to what we have in our directory. We will go over the changes proposed in our next meeting. The changed directory needs to be sent to the Town Administrator's administrative assistant so she can put it up on the town website attached to the EDC page. The current business directory is no longer there.

Route 6 signs: Elaine has two CT sign companies to talk to about two town of Andover signs to put out on route 6 to figure out approximately how much the signs will cost to speak to the Board of Selectmen and the CIP to try to get budget money for the signs. Patrick has talked to local sign people in hopes of getting some relatively inexpensive signs. He had no luck. The Long Term Planning Committee did a survey where the town said they want some kind of identifying signage on Route 6 for Andover.

Andover Farmers Market: The AFM team had 3 markets at Over AndOver on Route 6 in 2018. They plan on having 5 market events the last Wednesday, 4PM-

7PM, in June, July, August, September and October 2019. These will be at the Food Pantry Field next to the Andover Congregational Church.

Elaine will continue to work on the signs. Cathy will continue to work on the business directory.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 19th at 2:00 at the Andover Town Hall.

Adjournment: EDC adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Elaine Buchardt